

LITERARY STATISTICS. BOOK COLLECTIONS IN EUROPE.

Some interesting figures have been published by the Italian Statistical Bureau in regard to the relative wealth in book collections of different European States. The results are shown in the following statement:

Table with 3 columns: Country, Number of Volumes, and Population per 100. Includes Italy, France, Prussia, Belgium, Austria, Great Britain, and Russia.

The Pall Mall Gazette, commenting upon this, says: "According to these figures, Great Britain has, in proportion to her population, the smallest collection of books in her public libraries of any European State."

"Our public libraries may be counted on one's fingers, and with the solitary exception of the national collection at the British Museum, the few that we have are entirely unsupported by the State."

"The 210 Italian libraries comprise 171 general and 39 special collections; of the latter 25 are ecclesiastical, 11 scientific and literary, and 3 are devoted to fine arts."

"The people of the Campagna supply the largest number of readers in proportion to the volume contained in the libraries of the province; in Tuscany and Emilia the readers are relatively fewest."

"The Italian libraries do not appear to be in a very flourishing condition; the expenses of administration absorb two-thirds of their income, and what remains is insufficient for the renewal of old and the purchase of new works."

The Last Days of Pompeii. Of feeble health—her visage was pale and thin, and she had expectation of blood in her youth—the charms of person which had at first enslaved the King vanished in the course of three or four years, and she speedily became a mistress of mere form and ceremony.

The Italian libraries do not appear to be in a very flourishing condition; the expenses of administration absorb two-thirds of their income, and what remains is insufficient for the renewal of old and the purchase of new works."

The Last Wager of Battle in England.

An English paper says:—"There has died in Birmingham a poor old man, one event of whose history forms an important mark in the progress of civilization in England, especially as relating to the old barbarous mode of settling disputes, and trying causes by the 'wager of battle.'"

"The feeling of surprise and indignation at his acquittal was so intense that a new trial was called for, and an appeal was entered against the verdict by William Ashford, the brother, and next of kin to the murdered girl, Thornton was again apprehended, and sent to London in November, to be tried before Lord Ellenborough and the full Court of Queen's Bench."

"At this stage of the proceedings William Ashford, who was in court, actually came forward, and was about to accept the challenge by picking up the glove, when he was kept back by those about him. With what wonder did the assembly, and indeed the nation, ask, 'Can a prisoner insist on so obsolete a mode of trial, in such a time of light as the nineteenth century?'"

A MODERN KNIGHT-ERRANT. The Pall Mall Gazette says:—"A month ago there died at Stockholm a man who had been for half his life a knight-errant of iron."

"Greece free, he rested in France all the Polish war of 1809 called him to the side of the insurgents. He penetrated Austria, and swam the river Weichsel under the fire of Austrian sentries."

"The people of the Campagna supply the largest number of readers in proportion to the volume contained in the libraries of the province; in Tuscany and Emilia the readers are relatively fewest."

MILLINERY, TRIMMINGS, ETC. MOURNING MILLINERY. ALWAYS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF MOURNING BONNETS, AT NO. 904 WALNUT STREET.

MRS. R. DILLON. Has a handsome assortment of SPRING MILLINERY. Nos. 223 and 221 SOUTH STREET.

FURNISHING GOODS, SHIRTS, & C. F. HOFFMANN, J.R. NO. 523 ARCH STREET.

DRY GOODS. JAMES M'MULLAN, SUCCESSOR TO J. V. COWELL & SON.

HAS IN STOCK AND RECEIVING DAILY A LARGE SUPPLY OF HOUSE-FURNISHING DRY GOODS. The facilities he has for supplying his customers with the BEST GOODS at the LOWEST RATES are unsurpassed.

229 FARRIS & WARNER 229 NORTH NINTH STREET. ABOVE RACE BARGAINS! BARGAIN

WHITE GOODS WHITE GOODS! Soft French Jaconets, 25, 37 1/2, and 50 cents. Victoria Laces, 25, 37 1/2, 50, and 60 cents.

E. M. NEEDLES & CO., AT THEIR NEW STORE, N. W. CORNER ELEVENTH AND CHESTNUT. WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY MAY 1.

INDIA SHAWLS. GEORGE FRYER, No. 916 CHESTNUT STREET, HAVING A LARGE STOCK OF INDIA SHAWLS

RE-OPENING OF MYERS' "New Mourning Store." This Store has just been opened with a well-selected STOCK OF

EYRE & LANDELL, S. W. Corner of Fourth and Arch Sts. HAVE THEIR SECOND OPENING OF SPRING GOODS TO-DAY.

HENRY S. HANNIS & CO., Nos. 218 and 220 S. FRONT STREET. OFFER TO THE TRADE, IN LOTS TO SUIT

WM. D. ROGERS, CARRIAGE BUILDER. Manufacturer of First-Class Carriages ONLY. Nos. 1009 and 1011 CHESTNUT STREET.

DRY GOODS. PRICE & WOOD, N. W. CORNER EIGHTH AND FILBERT.

Have just opened A new lot of White Flannels, 25, 35, 45, 55, 65, 75, 80 cents, and 1 1/2 per yard.

SPRING AND SUMMER WOOLLENS FOR BOYS' AND MEN'S WEAR, FROM THE AUCTION SALE OF THURSDAY, AT REDUCED PRICES.

OPENING. NEW CLOAK STORE, NO. 318 ARCH STREET. Between Eighth and Ninth Streets, South Side.

CHEAP DRY GOODS, CARPETS, MATTINGS, OIL CLOTHS, AND WINDOW SHADES. V. R. ARCHBAULT, N. E. CORNER FIFTH AND MARKET STREETS.

WHISKY, BRANDY, WINE, ETC. CHAMPAGNES, MOCCAS, CLARETS, SAUTERNES.

Old Rye Whiskies HENRY S. HANNIS & CO., Nos. 218 and 220 S. FRONT STREET.

W. D. ROGERS, CARRIAGE BUILDER. Manufacturer of First-Class Carriages ONLY. Nos. 1009 and 1011 CHESTNUT STREET.

FITLER, WEAVER & CO., MANUFACTURERS OF Manila and Tanned Cordage, Cords Twines, Etc. No. 2 North Water Street.

W. D. ROGERS, CARRIAGE BUILDER. Manufacturer of First-Class Carriages ONLY. Nos. 1009 and 1011 CHESTNUT STREET.

FIRE AND BURGLAR PROOF SAFES. MORE ABOUT LILLIE'S CHILLED-IRON SAFES

IMPORTANT FACTS WHICH THE PEOPLE SHOULD MAKE A NOTE OF. FACT I.—LILLIE'S CHILLED-IRON SAFES have been largely introduced for the last twelve years, and sold to the largest amount of value.

FACT II.—It is notorious that the profession of the burglar has advanced at a rapid pace within the last eight years, and what was thoroughly burglar-proof ten or twelve years ago, is now as open as a book.

FACT III.—There are two, and only two, general and leading articles upon which all burglar-proof safes are constructed. The one is pouring liquid iron between and around bars of wrought iron.

FACT IV.—Mr. Lillie, the Patentee, so soon as he learned that the burglar was using a chisel to pry open the door, he immediately adopted a new system.

FACT V.—The proposition made the public heretofore, of same size and capacity of other best makers, is not only untrue, but is a gross misstatement.

FACT VI.—I would now say to any of the owners of Lillie's Safes, that in view of the preceding facts, if they feel the need of additional security, it will be found in the new system.

FACT VII.—It is equally true that the Chilled-Iron safe is ready for further use. Any number of trials in iron, certified to, will be made at any time.

FACT VIII.—In answer to the story circulated by interested parties, that Lillie's Safe had gone up, and had turned Lillie, etc., I would say that at no time in the last two years could Lillie & Son have supplied the demand for Safes, and were under the necessity of forming a large stock company with a very large capital.

FACT IX.—In conclusion, I beg to call the attention of my patrons and friends, and the public, to the facts here presented, and to the fact that I am prepared to furnish LILLIE'S BURGLAR-PROOF SAFES, CHILLED-IRON VAULTS and COMBINATION LOCKS, all at short notice, warranted to be the best and cheapest in the market.

INSTRUCTION. The Water City BUSINESS COLLEGE, N. E. CORNER FIFTH AND CHESTNUT STS.

Course of instruction unequalled, consisting of practical methods actually employed in leading houses of the city, and other cities, as illustrated in Fairbank's Book-keeping, which is the text-book of this institution.

THE GREAT NATIONAL TELEGRAPHIC AND COMMERCIAL INSTITUTE, No. 710 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA. This institution is now open for Educational purposes.

ICE COMPANIES. INCORPORATED 1864. COLD SPRING ICE AND COAL COMPANY, DEALERS IN AND Shippers of Eastern Ice and Coal.

THOMAS E. CAHILL, PRESIDENT. JOHN GOODYEAR, SECRETARY. HENRY THOMAS, SUPERINTENDENT.

KNICKERBOCKER ICE CO., WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS, IMPORTERS OF EASTERN ICE.

PAPER HANGINGS, SHADES, ETC. B. J. WILLIAMS & SONS, NO. 16 NORTH SIXTH STREET, MANUFACTURERS OF WINDOW BLINDS AND SHADES.

LEGAL NOTICES. IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. The Auditor appointed by the Court to settle, and adjust the account of JOHN S. HAMILIN, Administrator of the estate of PHOENIX S. DILLING, deceased, and to report distribution of the net estate in the hands of the administrator, will balance in the hands of the auditor, will balance in the hands of the auditor, will balance in the hands of the auditor.

F. NEWLAND & SON, No. 52 NORTH NINTH STREET, One door below Arch.

F. NEWLAND & SON, No. 52 NORTH NINTH STREET, One door below Arch.